

# Kirkland Parks: For Healthy Lifestyles

In November 2002 Kirkland voters approved an \$8.4 million park bond as well as a companion maintenance levy, investing substantial resources into Kirkland's park system. Here is a summary of the projects completed with this funding.

## JUANITA BEACH

### A Premier Resource for Kirkland and the Region

2002 Park Bond Funding: \$200,000 for park improvements and park planning



As a result of the 2002 Park Bond, the City of Kirkland assumed ownership of Juanita Beach Park from King County. Funding was used to make immediate aesthetic and safety-related improvements to the property, and the Parks and Community Services Department initiated a master planning process for Juanita Beach, engaging the community in the creation of a fresh vision for this remarkable asset. The Juanita Beach Park Master Plan was adopted by the City Council in 2006, and will guide restoration and redevelopment efforts

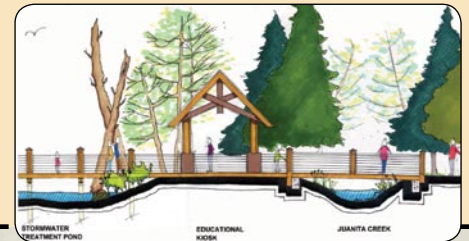
for years to come. The community has envisioned a number of goals for the redevelopment of Juanita Beach Park:

- Create multi-use recreational facilities
- Enhance Juanita Creek to create a healthy stream environment.
- Create a wildlife-friendly shoreline
- Improve shoreline water quality for people and wildlife
- Use low impact development and sustainability design principals
- Create community gathering areas
- Maintain and restore the historic Forbes House

**For more information on the park master plan, visit us at [www.ci.kirkland.wa.us](http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us).**

### What happens next at Juanita Beach?

A portion of Juanita Creek within the park will be restored (funded by a \$500,000 State grant) in 2007. The project will improve fish and wildlife habitat and stabilize stream banks to reduce erosion. In 2009, the first phase of major park renovation is scheduled to occur, featuring continued creek restoration, shoreline improvements, new trails and sidewalks, and new landscaping.



## CARILLON WOODS

### Preserving Neighborhood Open Space and Restoring our Urban Forests

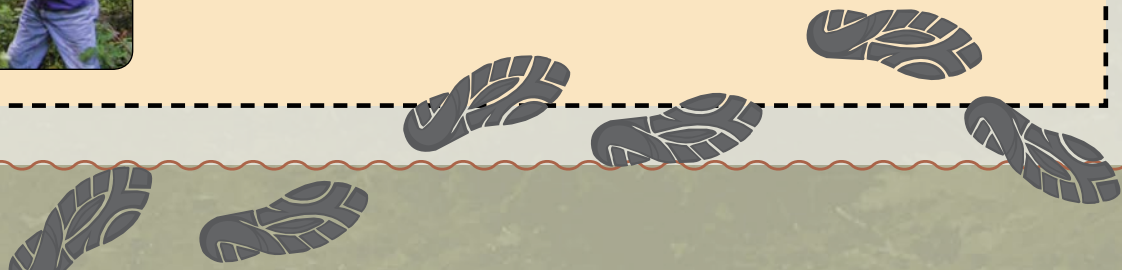
2002 Park Bond Funding: \$4.45 million for land acquisition and park development

The City of Kirkland has a wealth of parklands and open spaces. These parks and greenbelts strengthen local neighborhoods, improve property values, and make communities attractive places to live.

The City of Kirkland purchased the former King County Water District #1 property in Central Houghton in 2004. Located on 106th Ave NE

between NE 53rd St and NE 55th St, Carillon Woods encompasses nearly 9 acres of woodlands. The property also features steep slopes, wetlands, emerging springs, and serves as the headwaters for Carillon Creek. Park improvements were completed in 2007 featuring trails, new native landscaping, and a forest-themed playground.

Carillon Woods has also benefited from the Green Kirkland Partnership, a community effort to tackle the growing problem of invasive plant species in our urban forests. To date several acres at Carillon Woods have been rid of English Ivy and other undesirable plants, thanks to the amazing and dedicated efforts of many community volunteers.





# and a Livable Community

## RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**A great partnership benefiting neighborhoods, sports groups, and students**

2002 Park Bond Funding: \$1.85 million for school recreation facility improvements



Kirkland's partnership with the Lake Washington School District has truly been a win-win relationship for the community. By investing in playfields and other recreation improvements at several Kirkland schools, the City has been able to provide safer, higher quality recreation opportunities for after-school and weekend community use.

The following schools received funding from Kirkland's 2002 park bond for facility upgrades:

- Kirkland Junior High School
- Juanita Elementary School
- Rose Hill Elementary School
- Franklin Elementary School

At Franklin Elementary, additional improvements have been made to make the school campus more attractive and usable by the neighborhood. Park bond funding was used to add additional playground equipment, a picnic shelter, outdoor classroom/group gathering areas, and trails.



## NORTH ROSE HILL WOODLANDS PARK

**A park designed, built, and loved by the neighborhood**

2002 Park Bond Funding: \$900,000 for park and trail development



North Rose Hill Woodlands Park (located off of 124th Ave NE) has undergone quite the expansion, courtesy of both the 2002 voter-approved park bond and the many volunteers associated with Friends of Woodlands Park. In 2005 the park was improved to include a new picnic shelter, new wetland boardwalk trails, asphalt pathways, new native landscaping, and wetland enhancements. The following year, volunteers raised the funds necessary to build one of Kirkland's biggest (and no-doubt best!) playgrounds. Truly a special place!



## OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION

**Preserving habitat and green space for future generations**

2002 Park Bond Funding: \$1.0 million for land acquisition

The City is continually looking for opportunities to preserve critical urban wildlife habitat and unique natural resources. Funding from the 2002 Kirkland park bond helped fund acquisition of nearly 8 acres of land near the Heronfield Wetlands in South Juanita, as well as nearly 2 acres of open space adjacent to the Yarrow Bay Wetlands. All told, over 70% of Kirkland's 500-acre park system is comprised of natural areas such as forests and wetlands.



**Thank You  
Kirkland!**